

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING AMENDMENT  
OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HALIBUT  
FISHERY OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN AND BERING SEA,  
AND FISHING OFF THE WEST COAST OF CANADA

Department of State  
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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Juneau and Ottawa concerning amendment of the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea and concerning fishing off the west coast of Canada.

I have the honor to propose the following:

1. Pending the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, signed this day at Washington (the Convention), the halibut fishery and sport fishing in the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea shall be conducted on the basis of the terms of that Protocol.

2. Nationals and fishing vessels of the United States shall not fish for groundfish in the maritime area off the west coast of Canada in which Canada exercises exclusive fisheries jurisdiction, except as provided in the Annex to this Note and as follows:

- (a) Nationals and fishing vessels of the United States may catch 6,500 metric tons of groundfish during the period beginning April 1, 1979, and ending March 31, 1981, subject to the following limits:
  - (i) during the period beginning April 1, 1979, and ending March 31, 1980, they may catch 3,250 metric tons of groundfish as provided in the Annex to this Note;